

# Meeting Minutes-State Interagency Team Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2019

2:00-4:00

**Location:** Beech Conference Room

**Facilitator:** Diane Bugbee and Cheryle Wilcox

**Note Taker:** Dana Robson

**Present:** Karen Price (skype), Amy Lincoln Moore, Barb Joyal, Karen Bielawski-Branch, Diane Bugbee, Cheryle Wilcox, Dana Robson, Amy Roth, Suzanne Legare Belcher, Laurel Omland

**Regrets:** Alicia Hanrahan, Monica Ogelby, Auburn Watersong, Sandi Hoffman, Danielle Bragg, Melanie D'Amico

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<b>Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Legislative-Youth Council Bill, Home Visiting Alliance</li><li>MRSS- Legislative bill, Rutland pilot, Governor's Budget address</li><li>Residential Reduction Efforts-Family Services</li><li>Residential regional reports and sharing all regions data with all regions</li><li>Departments</li><li>VFFCMH</li><li>LIT Visits</li></ul>	<b>Department/Agency Updates:</b> <p><b>DAIL</b> – Selina Hickman started this month as the Division Director. She's just getting immersed in everything DS related. Working to clarify lines of communication between division and Claire McFadden, (New Director of Payment Reform)</p> <p><b>DCF</b> Family Services– Central Office involved in all the budget discussions and where and how the cuts will/may have to be made. Feels dire. Trying to preserve needed services and balance all the needs.</p> <p><b>DMH</b> – DMH is recruiting for a Policy Director -- have number of candidates – just starting the process. Working on finalizing 10-year plan – the Vision 2030 Plan -- that came out of the visioning process last fall. Cheryle met with Senator Sears recently and talked about coordination efforts between AHS departments. The Children's Care Mgmt Unit at DMH is fully staffed for the first time in almost 2 years, so we're thrilled about that and starting to take on more projects and updating policies and procedures.</p> <p><b>CDD</b> – New Dep. Commissioner, Steven Berbeco just started, and they are thrilled. They continue to work on implementing CIS payment reform and work with the legislature to discuss how to fully fund the services and understand the different early childhood services proposals. CIS hasn't had an increase in funding in 10 years. CIS is moving their offices down with the rest of CDD. Move will be completed within the next 3 weeks.</p> <p><b>AHS Field Services</b> – Suzanne met with Newport Community stakeholders to talk about how to reduce the impact of parental incarceration. Continue to work with Auburn on trauma work, and how to help communities become trauma informed. Doing</p>	

lots of work with the Community Profiles. Field Services working on the GA re-structuring and focusing on how they use Emergency Services Funds to better meet community needs.

**Network** – Annual Conference planning continues – instead of one big conference, they’re doing 4 smaller conferences spread out throughout the state. VFN focusing on

**Federation** – Cindy is on medical leave and is extending it. Andy (president of board), will be serving as the interim director until she can return. They have also had some of their parent reps on medical leave as well, so they are trying to cover all CSP needs around the state. They are trying to support families as best as they can, do a lot by phone. For family supports for IEP, F504 or EST supports call Lorraine Sylvain. For CSP support, call Amy Lincoln Moore.

#### **Other Updates**

**LIT Visits** – Clarified who’s attending the Barre and Morrisville LIT’s. Laurel and Diane attended the Chittenden LIT. It was a large, well-attended group. ACCESS, etc). Discussed struggles with transition age youth in particular. Talked about State LIT Meeting and desire to hear from other LITS, and also wanted to talk about transition age youth, and youth with Autism – and the spectrum of care for Autism services. Talked a little about CRC and SIT and clarified roles and talked about medical necessity decisions and requests for benefits and the need for those to go to CRC as well as the role of SIT as a consultation resource. Talked about the Brattleboro Retreat.

**Emergency Department Brochure** – positive initial reaction, now hearing that they haven’t made it to all ED’s. Working to figure out how to fully distribute around the state. Please connect with Cheryle or Diane if you need more copies or have ideas how to get it out consistently. Could check in with Emergency Services Directors or for feedback. Police departments is another good place to distribute copies if you have the opportunity.

**Mobile Response** – Today the Senate Health and Welfare discussed recommended changes to bill to address some problems. They kept the allocation at 400K (governor’s budget had it at 600K), but they did plan to move it forward. House Health Care Committee did have it in for 600K, but may take some \$\$ from it to support Bennington PUCK (Pediatric Urgent Care for Kids) program. RMH did a great job testifying last week about the need for it and how they see MRSS fitting in with their other services. DMH working to communicate differences in the approaches – both are important and serve different needs, and hope to not have them compete with each other.

	<p><b>Youth Council Bill</b> -- H. 775 that calls for creating a council of youth (11-21yo), meet quarterly with governor to talk about what happening and important for Youth. Members of the Youth Council testified and the four youth who testified were amazing.</p> <p><b>Early Childhood leg update</b> – discussions about need for CIS funding and home visiting bill and advocating that they are different needs.</p> <p><b>DCF Residential Reduction</b> – working with a change management consultant to figure out how to operationalize some of the goals in their residential reduction goals. Residential Unit is doing a UR process with local district offices for any child in residential care for more than 9 months. Also starting to see some really positive results from their diligent recruitment efforts.</p> <p><b>Residential System of Care Consultant</b> – Cheryle’s working to move forward with the contract for a consultant to do an assessment of our residential system of care – more to come as she gets that set.</p> <p><b>Regional Reports Question</b> – we have traditionally sent each region only their own report. There has been a request to share all data to all regions. We do give all the info to some entities (ie. Legislators, etc), so it seems inconsistent not to share with everyone. Also discussed how to word some of the categories to better explain them (ie. What does “DCF-Adopted” mean?).</p> <p><b>Special note:</b> Cheryle passed out hard copies of BBF’s “How are Vermont’s Young Children and Families?” She has a few more copies if anyone needs them.</p>	
<b>Discuss annual LIT Gathering- where to now?</b>	Date is set for next Annual LIT Meeting -- <b>September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</b> It will be held at WSOC in the Sally Fox Conference Center. We will start planning for the content at the next SIT meeting, so bring your thinking caps. This will be the 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so we’re thinking about calling it an Extravaganza... 😊	
<b>Diving into System of Care Report</b>	Move to next month’s agenda	